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Box Patent Application (35 U.S.C. 111)  
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Sir:

With reference to the filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office of a Continuation application of a PCT application, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 111(a) in the name(s) of:

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entitled:

ENCODING APPARATUS, ENCODING METHOD, DECODING APPARATUS, DECODING METHOD, AND RECORD MEDIUM

The following are enclosed:

- ☒ Specification (56 pages)
- ☒ 14 Sheet(s) of Drawings
- ☒ 33 Claim(s) (including 12 independent claim(s))
- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim
- ☒ Oath or Declaration and Power of Attorney ☒ signed ☐ unsigned
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Our check for \$1,666.00, calculated as follows:

Basic Fee, \$690.00 (\$345.00)	\$ 690.00
Number of Claims in excess of 20 at \$18.00 (\$9.00) each:	234.00
Number of Independent Claims in excess of 3 at \$78.00 (\$39.00) each:	702.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee at \$260.00 (\$130.00)	-0-
Total Filing Fee	\$ 1,626.00
Assignment Recording Fee \$40.00	40.00
- ☒ Pursuant to MPEP § 1895, enclosed is a copy of the PCT Request which is submitted as evidence that the instant continuation is copending with the PCT application and has at least one inventor in common therewith.
- ☒ Certified copy of each of the following application(s) to substantiate the claim(s) for priority made in the Declaration:

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>In</u>
10-283991	October 6, 1998	Japan

Please charge any additional fees required for the filing of this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Respectfully submitted,  
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